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My Old Kentucky Home

The one song above all others that thrills a native Kentuckian, whether it is heard at home or abroad, is, "My Old Kentucky Home." The words of this song were written and the music composed by Stephen Collins Foster in the autumn of 1852 at "Federal Hill," the historic home of Judge Rowan, near Hardtown, Ky.

Federal Hill is hardly less famous than Mr. Foster, for it has played as conspicuous a part in the early legal and political history of the United States as "My Old Kentucky Home" has played in the realm of national and patriotic anthems.

The mansion dates back to 1795 and its builder, Judge Rowan, became Congressman, United States Senator, Chief Justice of Kentucky and National Commissioner to define the boundary line of Mexico.

LaFayette was entertained at Federal Hill on his second and last trip to the United States. Two duels have been fought on the estate in the days when duels were legal and many antique reminders of former times are to be found in the old home.

Stephen Foster, a native of Pennsylvania and kinsman of the Rowans, frequently visited Federal Hill, and it was during one of these visits that he wrote "My Old Kentucky Home."

The whole atmosphere of the Rowan estate was changed in 1852 from that of a political center to that of the calm and peaceful home life of the typical Kentucky plantation. Henceforth it was to symbolize domestic sentiment rather than political and military excitement.

Kentucky citizens are asked to purchase this estate as a memorial to Stephen Foster, our own beloved song and, above all, the real home of Kentucky. The American home is the foundation of our society, the cradle of democracy and the nursery of national ideals and patriotism. Let us memorialize the Kentucky home by purchasing a shrine so full of rich memories of history and pathos.

The campaign will start next week and the slogan will be, "Every Son and Daughter of Kentucky a Contributor."

The Public School

The greatest nation-wide institution in the United States is the public school system, and the person who does not thoroughly believe in the public schools is un-American in principle. It is true that our public schools have often been poorly equipped and poorly taught, but the public mind is being stimulated to think in terms of better schools and to carry into execution their thinking upon the question. What is best for our school is the question we should ask ourselves and each other.

The State Legislature and the Governor have done nobly in the matter of legislation, and we see the dawn of a new day for the public educational system over the State. The next step must be taken by the individual counties and local communities themselves.

Berea has worked faithfully for a number of years to maintain a local school system, but after a fair trial the town faces an impossible task on the present rate of taxation. The legal rate today is 75 cents on the hundred dollars which will provide for an eight-months school with the present salary scale. The present scale is not too large, but in reality will soon be too small to compete with other schools around us.

What are we to do about it? There are two courses ahead of us, and it is left to the citizens of Berea to choose the one we must take. One course is to ask the people to vote for an increase of our tax levy to a minimum of one dollar on the hundred and raise to \$1.25 or \$1.50 later on as the school grows.

One dollar and twenty-five cents for school, 65 cents for the upkeep of town, and \$1.00 for county and state will bring our taxes up \$2.90 on the hundred. Can we stand such a rate on property selling at prices real estate is listed at in Berea?

The other course is the one taken by the vast majority of the towns in Kentucky whose assessed value is no greater than Berea's—that of going into the county system and let the whole county pay the bills.

The county school tax today is forty cents on the hundred dollars, and if Berea were in the county system the school tax on Berea property would be only forty cents where it is now seventy-five cents. We do not begrudge a good school the difference in taxes, but enough evidence has not been produced to prove that we can have a better school under an independent system than under the county system. There are three schools in Madison county that have good standing and will average, one year with another, better than the Berea school. There are definite reasons why this is true. The county has more money to put into its consolidated and high schools than any one district outside of Richmond, and when a teacher cannot be secured for a stipulated sum, a much larger budget can be squeezed in order to get a certain teacher for a strategic school. Then, again, if we were in the county system and forty cents did not give us what we needed, we could ask for permission to levy an additional tax of 25 or 30 cents, which would give use nearly twice as much money as we have now and at the same time reduce our present tax rate.

The county system is now out of politics, and we feel quite confident that the next legislature will take the State Superintendent out of politics, so that we may feel as safe from corruption in the county system as under our local control.

Think it over, neighbors, think it over!

THE VIOLINSTAH

Chile, I went an' heahed a white man
Play de violin, but I
Don' want many folks t' know it,
An' I'll try to tell you why.

Dat Man had a sho nuff fiddle,
But he couldn't play a tune
Mo'n a mule cud chaw terbacker
On a wintah day in June!

But he shook dat bow o' his'n,
An' de noise dat stahed den
Mought a woke ol' Methuselah—
But he sho'd a died again!

Yassuh! chile, dat white man's bow
hand

Kep' his fingahs on de run,
An' he played like all Creation—
But he couldn' fiddle none!

No suh! chile, he couldn' fiddle,
An' I thought some triffin' boys
Had a houn' pup an' a tom cat
In a sack a makin' noise!

'Take away yo' effucation,
'Taint no good as I can see,
Go an' dround yo' violinstahs—
Fiddlin' good enuff for me!

—Alson Baker

RED CROSS ROLL CALL TO BE COMPLETED

Last November the Red Cross Roll Call was put on in Berea and partly but not entirely completed. The response was very satisfactory, the giving very liberal, as far as the canvass was made. But for the work that is being done in Berea and the chapter territory the support of every forward-looking citizen is necessary. Many who were not solicited last fall have been asking why they have had no opportunity to renew their memberships.

The opportunity is to be given now, to all not already solicited, to have a share in this work. On Monday, May 9, the Red Cross Juniors will make a quick canvass of the town and at a little later date calls will be made in the rural districts for members.

A few days ago a man said to me that the work the Red Cross is doing in Berea should be written up and advertised. "I am personally acquainted with two families," he said, "that positively have been lifted from the depths to respectability and pros-

perous, happy, useful citizenship solely thru the service of the Red Cross. It is not that the Red Cross has given them money, but the personal touch of the organization, especially thru its employed worker, have given them encouragement to go on and have really altered their views of life."

Many people tell of cases that have come to their knowledge. They can't be advertised for obvious reasons, but a little interest and inquiry will convince anyone of the importance of the work that is being done. Add to the family service the community work done thruout the chapter territory, the health crusade in the schools, the care for special cases such as typhoid fever and the like and you have a service that is one of the most valuable that any community can have.

EVERETT DIX,
Chairman Publicity Committee

THE PARABLE OF THE DEVIL AND THE TOWN COUNCIL

Now there was a certain goodly town which had for its rulers certain men of dignity and substance, even business men (which being interpreted meaneth that they bought at low price and sold at a high price). And they clave together and ruled the town. And when all things were going as the Council wished and their businesses were all that could be desired, they spake one to another, saying, "Behold, we prosper, and our prosperity is assured, for have we not held office continuously for lo, these many years? The people are fools, and believe in their hearts that none can rule them so well as we."

And the Council decreed that the streets should be made anew in front of their places of business, and that the doors of their dwelling places should be made to look out upon level side walks and clean thoroughfares. And it was done.

And again they spake together, saying, "If a man would build an house, or a porch or nail on a shingle, let him petition the building committee. If he would remove a stone from the street, let him ask the street committee. If he would plant a garden, let him get the consent of the committee on strayed chickens. If he would swat a fly, let him consult the fly swatting committee. If a friend or a relative of a member of the Council wish to obstruct the streets with wagons and merchandise, he shall have that privilege. But if any man wish to clean a stable, he shall be arrested; and if he screen an out-building or a closet, he shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and the costs."

The affairs of the town ran along smoothly, and nothing was ever heard of that town. And in the fullness of time it came to pass that the Evil One came that way as he was going up and down in the Earth. And it was the night of the third day of the week. And as the Devil drew nigh unto the town he heard a great noise as of a mighty bellows, and he said, "Yea, surely I can hear my servants blowing up the fires of Hades."

And he advanced cautiously upon the noise and he came unto the meeting place of the Town Council, who were holding a special meeting to consider important business. And they were all asleep and snoring so that the Devil marveled when that he knew the cause of the prodigious noise.

And he strove to awaken them, but they slumbered and slept so that the Devil must needs count them as dead in spite of their loud snoring. And he took them and departed.

And when that he had arrived in his own country, that Councilman who was chairman of the committee on fire prevention opened one eye for a moment, but slept again. And when the Devil saw it, he said, "Yea, I have plucked this bunch before they were ripe. But, even so, they are mine own property and Alas! I will have to keep them tho it hurt my reputation. But should they ever awaken, peradventure, I can send them forth into the Earth again to put another community to sleep, and misgovern another town."

This parable sheweth that even the Devil could not awaken the Council of that town, or find a use for them.

—Alson Baker

"CHESTER BREAD"

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"I'm going to market, Sir," she said.
"Why do you hurry, my pretty maid?"
"To buy my Mamma some 'CHESTER BREAD.'"
"I pray you tarry, my pretty maid."
"Nay, I must haste, kind Sir," she said,
"For my dear Mamma and all my kin
Have all gone crazy for 'CHESTER BREAD.'"

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WOMEN'S CLUBS TO MEET IN DANVILLE

The Annual Convention of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs will be held this year at Danville, May 9 to 12. The formal opening will be held Monday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Christian church, followed by a reception by the Danville Women's Club. Following is the program for each session:

Tuesday

Tuesday—First Session at 8:30 a. m., Mrs. Riker and Miss Hafford presiding.

Reading of reports of the vice-president, recording secretary and the treasurer, followed by resolutions and discussion of reorganization of departments, also discussion of change of by-laws. Afternoon will be given to department conferences until 4:00, when Annual May Day Festival on the campus of the Kentucky College of Women will be held.

Evening Session—Second Presbyterian Church at 8:00.

Organ Recital by Miss Shailer. "Our Housing Problem" by Mrs. J. B. Judah.

Dr. A. C. Dixon, late of Spurgeon Tabernacle, London, will speak.

Wednesday—Session at 8:30.

Continued reports of State Committees.

Afternoon Session—Action on resolution of Tuesday.

New resolutions read.

President's report.

Report of nominating committee.

Evening—"An evening in Kentucky History," Music, work planned.

Historic Play—"Danville Political Club" by Danville talent.

Thursday—Election of officers—Polls open from eight to ten.

Reports of committees continued.

Memorial service for Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.

Afternoon Session—Announcement of the result of the election and the invitation for the 1922 convention.

"Art in the Home" by C. M. Sax, University of Ky.

"The Business of Being a Club Woman" Miss Stearns.

"News from the General Federation Headquarters" by Miss Lida Hafford.

Evening Session—At five o'clock guests leave by car for Shakerstown Inn for dinner (\$1.25 per plate).

After dinner presentation of new officers.

Miss Amelia Yerkes, 348 Lexington Ave., Danville, Chr. Hotels.

As many club women as possible should attend these sessions and receive the inspiration of work done and plans for new work.

Those interested in transportation call Mrs. Francis Clark or Mrs. Herndon. Passage for at least six is available each day. Any one wishing a car filled, phone to the same.

PROGRESS CLUB MEETING

Progress Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Coyle with Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. Seale hostesses, April 21. We welcomed Mrs. Matheny as our president, while she voiced the true cooperative spirit of our club.

These committees were appointed from the chair.

Educational: Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kinnard.

Public Welfare: Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Burdette.

City Improvement: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Coddington, Mrs. Adams.

Philanthropic: Mrs. Spink, Mrs. Engle.

Music: Mrs. Scruggs, Mrs. Shutt.

Courtesy: Mrs. Matheny, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Davis.

Finance: Mrs. Seale, Mrs. Cook.

Club Reporter: Mrs. J. Edgar Moore.

Junior Supervisor: Mrs. E. F. Coyle.

Our program acquainted us with our neighbors oft unappreciated and ill-treated. All who heard Mrs. Matheny interpret "The Spiritual Side of Bird Life" resolved there would be less fine hats and more fine birds. This was an unusual paper and came from the very soul of its writer.

Interesting bird selections in music, and brick ice-cream accompanied by white and chocolate cake, closed our afternoon together.

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MARIA HARTIGAN, PIANIST AND ACCOMPANIST

COLLEGE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1921, AT 8 P. M.

PROGRAMME

- Miss Ester Almhagen
 - Gypsy Dance - Nachez
 - Souvenir - Drdla
 Violin and Piano Accompaniment
- J. Allan Troke
in "Merry Moments of Magic and Mirth"
- Ada Jones
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- Ester Almhagen
Selected
- Miss Maria Hartigan
 - Etude Mignonne - Schutt
 - Silhouettes - Gerstenberger
 - Juba Dance - Dett
 Piano
- J. Allan Troke
Violin Mimicry
- Ester Almhagen
 - Adagio Patheque - Goddard
 - Serenade - Herbert
- Ada Jones
in "Character Songs"

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Best Meal, 25-lb. bag .50c Coal Oil, per gal. .20c
Best Mill Feed, per 100 .165 No. 1 Timothy or Clover Hay
Best Molasses Horse and Mule per 100 lbs. .115
Feed .220 No. 1 Corn, per bu. .100
Pure Lard, per can .4550 Rice, per lb. .5c
Dry Salt Meat, per lb., .14 and .15 Lenox Soap, 6 bars .25c
Full Cream Cheese, per lb. .30 P. & G. Naphtha, per bar .7¹/₂c
Northern Seed Potatoes, bu. 1.20 National Rolled Oats, per box 10c
Good Coffee, per lb. .12¹/₂c Best Grade Slate Roofing, per
Pie Peaches, per can .15 roll .310
Table Peaches, per can .25 Three Ply Rubber Roofing, per
Apricots, per can .25 roll .225
Pure Cane Sugar, per lb. .8¹/₂c Two Ply Rubber Roofing, per
Country Sorghums, per gal. .105 roll .190
Red Syrup, per gal. .65c Building Paper, per roll .85
White Syrup, per gal. .75c Nails, per 100 lb. basis .04¹/₂

Many other bargains too numerous to mention

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The Washington Post avers that we shall soon know what the world is coming to; but can anyone up and tell us right off without stopping to figure, when it is coming to?

The gentlemen of the Senate who amuse themselves by throwing bricks at Col. George Harvey can accomplish nothing. Colonel Harvey is out of their range and their missiles cannot reach him.—Washington Post.